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SUBJECT: UNCTAD MEETING ON LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LLDCS)

1. UNCTAD SECRETARIAT (STONE) INFORMS US THAT LAST MINUTE
POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT CONCERNING ISRAELIS-ARABS
ENDANGERING MEETING ON LLDCS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN MARCH 14.
STONE REPORTS THAT UNCTAD SECRETARIAT HAD ORIGINALLY
LIMITED INVITATIONS TO MEETING TO LLDCS AND DONOR COUNTRIES
WITH SIGNIFICANT AID EFFORT FOR LLDCS. HOWEVER ISRAELIS
MADE SEVERAL ENERGETIC REQUESTS TO BE INCLUDED AND UNCTAD
SECRETARIAT AGREED INVITE THEM. IT ALSO SIMULTANEOUSLY
INVITED SEVERAL OTHER MARGINAL DONORS SUCH AS INDIA,
YUGOSLAVIA, AND SOME EES. ARAB COUNTRIES HAVE ONLY
RECENTLY LEARNED THAT ISRAEL INVITED AND THEY NOW
THREATENING WALK OUT IF ISRAEL DOES ATTEND. STONE AND
UNCTAD SECRETARIT CONSIDERS THIS WOULD RESULT IN COLLAPSE
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OF MEETING AND SYG COREA IS CONSIDERING POSTPONING IT
TO ALLOW TIME TO TRY TO WORK OUT SOLUTION. STONE CON-
SIDERS SUCH POSTPONEMENT WOULD ALSO HAVE FATAL CONSE-
QUENCES FOR MEETING IN VIEW OF VERY DIFFICULT TIME HE HAS
HAD IN ARRANGING FOR ATTENDANCE OF RIGHT KIND OF PAR-
TICIPANTS. HE CONSIDERS THAT IF MEETING POSTPONED IT
WOULD BE UNLIKELY THAT ALL OF ENVISAGED PARTICIPANTS OR

ADEQUATE REPLACEMENTS WOULD BE AVAILABLE. UNCTAD SECRETARIAT WONDERS WHETHER U.S. WOULD BE WILLING TO APPROACH ISRAELIS TO NOT PARTICIPATE IN MEETING IN ORDER TO SALVAGE IT.

2. IN VIEW OF U.S. OVERALL POSITION CONCERNING (1) ISRAELI PARTICIPATION IN UN BODIES AND (2) DESIRABILITY THAT UN MEETINGS BE OPEN TO ALL UN MEMBERS DESIRING TO ATTEND, WE WOULD RECOMMEND AGAINST SUCH APPROACH TO ISRAELIS, AND ARE SO INFORMING STONE. FURTHER CONSIDERATION IS THAT IT IS DUBIOUS THAT EVEN IF WE APPROACH THEM HERE ISRAELIS WOULD BE WILLING TO STAY AWAY. ONLY POSSIBILITY TO PERSUADE THEM WOULD BE HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL APPROACH IN WASHINGTON OR TEL AVIV AND WE SEE NO REASON CONSUME U.S. NEGOTIATING CAPITAL WITH THEM ON THIS ISSUE.

3. STONE INFORMS US ONE POSSIBLE COMPROMISE THAT EGYPTIAN DELEGATION APPARENTLY CONSIDERING IS FOR SECRETARIAT TO INVITE ALL UNCTAD MEMBERS TO FORTHCOMING MEETING. EGYPTIANS APPARENTLY CONSIDER THERE IS SOME POSSIBILITY (ALTHOUGH NO CERTAINTY) THAT ARABS WOULD BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE ALONG WITH ISRAELIS IN MEETING IF ALL UNCTAD MEMBERSHIP INVITED. (EGYPTIANS APPARENTLY CONSIDER THAT SUCH SITUATION WOULD BE MATERIALLY DIFFERENT FROM PRESENT IN THAT PRESENT UNCTAD INVITATION TO ISRAELIS IMPLIES THAT ISRAEL HAS SIGNIFICANT AID PROGRAM FOR LLDCS.) FROM UNCTAD SECRETARIAT VIEWPOINT, DISADVANTAGE OF THIS COURSE IS THAT 80 OR SO UNCTAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEMBERS WOULD BE RECEIVING INVITATION TO MEETING ONLY DAY OR TWO BEFORE ITS OPENING AND WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY ANNOYED. WOULD ALSO BE UNFORTUNATE IF SIZE OF MEETING INCREASED AS RESULT ADDITIONAL INVITATIONS. WE TOLD STONE WE FELT THAT U.S. POINT OF VIEW SOLUTION OF INVITING ALL UNCTAD MEMBERS WOULD BE BEST.

4. IF DEPARTMENT HAS ANY COMMENT OR GUIDANCE PLEASE FURNISH PROMPTLY. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER WHEN OUTLOOK APPEARS CLEARER. IN MEANTIME, SUGGEST THAT MEMBERS U.S. DELEGATION KEEP TRAVEL PLANS OPEN. CATTO

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